

Pathfinder General Safety Rules

(Please sign and mail with your application)

- 1. Treat every firearm as though it were loaded. Inspect it to ensure it is not loaded.**
- 2. All firearms must be maintained with an empty chamber, open action, and magazine removed until on the firing station for an active course of fire.**
- 3. Before handling any firearm, know how to safely operate that specific firearm.**
 - a.) Know the correct operation of the firearm's safety devices.**
 - b.) Be sure the firearm is safe to operate. Check for a clear bore and correct ammunition.**
 - c.) Know the correct procedure for loading, unloading, and clearing the firearm.**
 - d.) Secure all firearms so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.**
- 4. Never point a firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy.**
 - a.) Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.**
 - b.) Never allow the muzzle to point at any part of your, or anyone else's body.**
 - c.) Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.**
- 5. Know your target and what is behind it before firing.**
 - a.) Be sure no person is forward of the firing line.**
 - b.) All shots must be directed within the physical boundaries of the range.**
 - c.) Targets must be placed so that projectiles will impact directly into a suitable backstop that will contain the full energy of the projectile.**
 - d.) When shooting archery no arrows should be nocked when persons are down range.**
- 6. Any person not experienced with safe firearm handling or the course of fire should be accompanied by a Pathfinder member who is.**
- 7. Use of intoxicants while shooting, as with driving, does not mix. Any person intoxicated will not be allowed to shoot.**
- 8. Eye and ear protection should be worn by all firearm shooters. Rules and practices of the national organization for each shooting discipline shall prevail.**
- 9. This is a sportsmen's club; be courteous, practice good sportsmanship, and obey State and Federal laws that pertain to our sport.**
- 10. All members are responsible for correcting and reporting unsafe practices and conditions. Report safety issues to the Board of Directors.**

I have read and understand these safety rules.

Signature: _____